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1 concerned about finding solutions to reduce collisions between
2 vehicles and wildlife or other animals; and

3 WHEREAS, the department of game and fish and the state
4 highway and transportation department have worked together on
5 solutions to the problem of vehicle-wildlife collisions on road
6 projects such as United States highway 550; and

7 WHEREAS, several states are educating drivers and
8 implementing measures that have proven effective in preventing
9 vehicle-wildlife collisions, such as installing equipment and
10 designing highways to create safe passageways using deer
11 fencing, underpasses and overpasses; and

12 WHEREAS, providing ways for wildlife to safely cross
13 highways and other roads that section off and divide wildlife
14 habitat would benefit many species, including New Mexico's
15 declining mule deer population; and

16 WHEREAS, educating people about ways to reduce vehicle-
17 wildlife collisions can help lower the frequency and severity
18 of those accidents; and

19 WHEREAS, the state will need money to pay for mitigation
20 measures and educational programs;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional
23 delegation be requested to help secure federal funding for
24 enlarging or building underpasses and overpasses and for
25 implementing other technologies to make our roads safer for

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1 wildlife and people; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
3 declare a "state day" to educate people about the importance of
4 reducing vehicle-wildlife collisions; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
6 require state agencies to educate drivers of state vehicles
7 about ways to mitigate vehicle-wildlife collisions; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and
9 transportation department and the motor vehicle division of the
10 taxation and revenue department be requested to include
11 information in written materials, driver's education programs
12 and driver's license manuals and tests about the hazards and
13 prevention of vehicle-wildlife collisions; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of game and
15 fish and the state highway and transportation department be
16 commended for working together to make our highways safer for
17 wildlife and people; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of game and
19 fish and the state highway and transportation department be
20 encouraged to create a memorandum of understanding requiring
21 those departments to cooperate on long-term planning of road
22 projects and to share information to help reduce road kill
23 resulting from vehicle-wildlife collisions on the roads of New
24 Mexico; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the
2 governor, the secretary of highway and transportation, the
3 chair of the state game commission, the director of the
4 department of game and fish and the director of the motor
5 vehicle division of the taxation and revenue department.

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